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Justice Reinvestment Local Commission

1:00 PM, August 26, 2020

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Board members: Angela Talley, Corrine Labe, Corey Pack (Chair), Charles Scott, Dan Lasher, Tim Friedman, Gail Watts, Herb Dennis, Jack Kavanagh, Joe Hughes, Kris Heiser, Lamonte Cooke, Lisa Thayer-Welch, Randy Martin, Wayne Rumsey

Guests: Bill Gartner, Jim Hedrick, Marianne Gibson, Molly Hilligoss, Noah Halt, Steve Schuh

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- Call to Order
 - Introductions
 - Review and Approve Minutes
 - Minutes reviewed and approved
 - GOCPYVS Updates
 - Daniel discussed the recently posted CESF funding.
<http://goccp.maryland.gov/grants/programs/cesf/>
 - HB 116 - Jim Hedrick
 - Jim shared that HB116 implementation slowed down due to the pandemic. Prior to the pandemic, our office and BHA did a survey to see where jurisdictions were with MAT. We recently did a similar survey to see how our first four jurisdictions are doing and what can be done to help. Within the next few years, all jurisdictions will have to implement detention-based MAT programs.
 - Darren Mcgreggor from BHA and Jim are working on the next phase of

implementing the bill which involves bringing on the next 6 jurisdictions. Some were interested earlier this year, but progress slowed due to pandemic.

- If your jurisdiction is interested or wants to discuss further, please let us know. Currently discussing next steps with a few jurisdictions but looking for more.
- Corey inquired about data
 - Jim noted that he is working on data collection and trying to make it as easy as possible for local jurisdictions. Agencies are already doing some reporting and data collection for the SOR funding to University of Maryland and MDH. Want to make reporting streamlined so it's not onerous. Hoping there will be some early outcomes to report on soon.
- Daniel mentioned that Health Care Access Maryland (HCAM) is looking to work with local jurisdictions on jail based programming so please reach out if interested.

- **JRA Oversight & Advisory Boards**

- Daniel discussed the new Expungement and Restitution Workgroups created by the Oversight Board and invited everyone on the Commission to contribute and participate.

- **Opioid Operational Command Center Update**

- Opioid Operational Command Center (OOCC) Director Steve Schuh introduced himself and team. Director Schuh noted that the Coronavirus has impacted the OOCC's work, but that the opioid epidemic continues and has gotten worse due to the pandemic. Partnerships and local governments are critical to addressing these ongoing health crises.
- OOCC background: three main priorities: prevention, public safety, and recovery.
 - The OOCC authors strategic plans, coordinates among state agencies and supports local OIT teams as they execute the state's plans. The OOCC also makes grants to fill gaps in services and in other areas necessary for a robust response. The OOCC also reviews all opioid related spending and legislation.
 - The OOCC's roles as coordinator and planner are key during the pandemic response and the agency recently released the Maryland Covid 19 Action Plan to address the impact of the pandemic on the opioid crisis.
 - Opioid fatalities increased slightly in the first quarter. This is very disappointing since last year saw a slight decline, the first decrease in fatalities in over a

decade. We're also seeing a much larger increase elsewhere in the country.

- Fentanyl involved in majority of fatalities, 93%
- Fentanyl is effectively pushing heroin out of the drug market
- Cocaine fatalities increasing, 90% of those however involve opioids
- Decrease in ER visits and EMS naloxone during the beginning of the year, starting to see that return to normal and declines probably due to the coronavirus.

- Desprior, economic disruption may lead to an increase in overdoses
 - 211 saw a huge increase in contact volumes
- The new action plan prioritizes alternatives to arrest, increasing access to the range of services, as well as close monitoring and collection of data.
- Parole and Probation identified 56% of people in their care as having an SUD needing treatment.

- Daniel emphasized assistance available from the GOCPYVS, OOC and other state agencies with exploring and implementing programming.

- **PIGF Grantee Update - Wicomico County Habitat for Humanity**

- Molly Hilligos, Director, and Noah Halt, Program Manager, introduced themselves and the program. Program goals are reducing crime/recidivism, increasing employment opportunities and providing housing support.
- With the pandemic, the situation is worse for vulnerable populations so it is even more important that we can provide programming to address housing and employment needs. This is particularly true in Salisbury which has an ongoing housing crisis.
- Outcomes so far:
 - No program graduate has been charged with a new offense and/or violated probation.
 - All graduates leave the program with a valid MD Real ID/Driver's License, health insurance, stable living condition, and employment.
- Covid adjustments:
 - Daily temperature check and health screening questionnaire.
 - All facilities are treated with antibacterial spray/fogger.
 - Bathrooms are deep cleaned throughout the day.
 - Clients are only served through appointments.
 - Masks must be worn by all customers, staff, and volunteers.

- Noah shared some positive experiences and feedback from participants.
- Molly can be reached at molly@wicomicohabitat.org and Noah at Noah@wicomicohabitat.org for questions and assistance exploring similar work in your jurisdiction.

- **Gatekeepers Reentry Program Update**

- Bill introduced himself and Gatekeepers, a reentry program in Washington County. He began with his focus on collaborations as necessary to provide services to his community. Bill was incarcerated 8 years and started Gatekeepers when he was released to help those in similar circumstances.
- Gatekeepers works inside the local detention center, with the Day Reporting Center, Drug Court, and with the other state and federal facilities in Western Maryland.
- LEO Foundation with Notre Dame University is working with Gatekeepers on a research project. Research will look at outcomes of Gatekeepers programs with randomized experiment and with an eye towards impacts on poverty.
- Bill described the videos and workbook Gatekeepers created to continue helping people during pandemic.
- Bill introduced Tammy who works with P&P and specializes with sex offender treatment and Jim Grossman, reentry navigator in Western MD.

- **Covid-19 Response**

- No updates from members.

- **Next Meeting**

- The next meeting will likely be in early November. Daniel will work with the Chair to find a time.

Meeting adjourned